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Stella's the lead singer and lead guitarist of The Blue Moon Gypsies and Stella used to be Mace's girl. Mace broke up with her, though, and the loss of him rocked her world. But Stella gets a call, late at night (again) from one of the members of her crazy band. She has to go play clean up (again) and runs into Mace and a shed load of police, and ends up getting shot.

Mace finds he doesn't like it much that his ex-girlfriend got shot right in front of him but it's worse. A very bad man has thrown down the gauntlet and all the Rock Chicks are in the firing line. Stella doesn't want Mace to be the one to keep her alive, but she has no choice. Mainly because Mace isn't giving her one.

Rock Chick Reckoning Details

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Jilly says

This was my least favorite of the Rock Chick series. It totally left behind all of the things I love about the series: crazy antics, silly situations, and funny dialogue - and replaced them with angsty darkness, too many pov's, and characters I couldn't connect with.

Here's just one example. Stella, a musician, considers herself "black". Not in a racial way, but from a song by Pearl Jam called "Black". She says this is her:

**And now my bitter hands
Cradle broken glass
Of what was everything
All the pictures had
All been washed in black
Tattooed everything
All the love gone bad
Turned my world to black
Tattooed all I see
All that I am
All I'll be**

oooooay. That's a little much. She and Mace had been together for a few months, a year ago, and he broke up with her for being too needy. But, she's angsty over him still. Even though she is dating someone else (who is much better, by the way, than Mace).

One night her bandmate calls her over to his place because his girlfriend has overdosed. She goes running over, only to find Mace there, and then she gets shot. This means, of course, that Mace is now in charge of her life. He throws her in a car and speeds off to meet up with the rest of the Rock Chick gang because all of the other Rock Chick girls had been shot at that night as well. But, Mace didn't realize Stella had been hit so he doesn't talk to her as he speeds along. She keeps trying to get his attention to let him know that she is bleeding all over the back of the car, but he keeps shushing her and ignoring her to make calls and check in with the others. What a great guy!!!

This is the start of the relationship we get to read about. Mace is a total dick. He handcuffs Stella when she doesn't want him to pull off her pants to look at her wound. He can't possibly take her to a hospital, or let a female in the room to help - no. He actually handcuffs a wounded woman and removes her clothing. I was pissed!! There is a difference from being a sexy alpha male to being an abusive asshole and Mace crosses the line in this book many many times.

Not only does Mace start out pulling this stunt, but throughout the book he exhibits classic abusive behavior.

He takes away her cell phone so that she cannot communicate with others. (Isolation)

He tells her that it was HER fault they weren't together anymore because he was just testing her by breaking up with her to see if she would "fight for him" (beg).

He physically wrestles with her and restrains her while she is injured from being shot.

He grabs her arms when he is angry and bruises her. Then he tells her he will 'never do that again'. (Classic abuser line.)

He screams in her face and scares the crap out of her.

He throws things and breaks them in front of her when he is angry.

So, I don't know, it might be me,,, but I think this guy is not Mr. Right. I know, I know, he's got demons from his past. He's hurting from being traumatized seven years ago. I don't understand him. He just feels things..... Well, cry me a fucking river, but it doesn't give him an excuse for acting like an abusive asshole. If a guy has so much baggage that they can't treat a woman right, then he should live alone! His problems should not equal her pain.

I'm talking to you, Mace!

Now, apart from my complete and utter hatred of Mace, I also felt the book lacked its usual zaniness. It just wasn't fun. Also, there were multiple POV's along with Stella's. At first, I thought this was going to be really cool because each Rock Chick got to have a chapter. But, again, it just didn't deliver that fun vibe and the other girls' POV's sounded all the same. I had to remind myself which one was talking because I couldn't tell the difference.

At the very end, there was an epilogue for "Five years later". It spoiled who the next two couples will be.

Time for me to read something else before I get to the next book. I need a break! Hopefully, I will come back to this series and it will have that fun, crazy feel that I love about it.

Baba says

Mace said to Stella:

"I can't be the star in your sky when you're the only star left shining in mine."

3.5 stars. This book was quite hard to rate. At a certain point it was a very weak 3-star rating. Then again, I rather enjoyed the last 30 % of the story. Ultimately it's a solid 3.5 stars but overall I just felt it was not good enough to round up to 4 stars.

I loved the above mentioned quote but unfortunately I didn't love the story. Sadly Rock Chick Reckoning couldn't live up to my expectations. The beginning did appeal to me however, at a certain point the plot took a turn in the wrong direction. Seriously, I didn't appreciate the "mind fucking". Mace, that was not nice! (view spoiler) What followed suit was an act of rather unnecessary hurtful things that they were throwing at one another. Their relationship was very bumpy and the whole story was messy. I felt like a ball that had to bounce left, right, up, and down. Quite dizzying, I'd say. I like my stories to flow rather smoothly. On top of that, there was so much drama! The drama took place in Mace and Stella's past as well as their present. Their

families were so incredibly "bad" and their lives so full of s*it that ultimately it was just too exaggerated. It didn't work for me anymore.

I'm sorry to say it but my interest just petered out. I even caught myself skipping lines to accelerate the process of finishing the book. Not good. Honestly, when I was about 65 % done I wanted it to be over. Somehow that's quite shocking since I'm a KA addict to the core. Shortly afterwards I could feel a positive sign, though. Surprisingly I did quite enjoy the last 30 % of the book. It was really good and I felt more at ease with their relationship and Kristen Ashley didn't disappoint with the ending. That was well done and really satisfying.

The villain felt kind of construed. I mean there were bad guys but I couldn't detect them. It was too much telling and not enough showing. I don't know if I was missing anything but I think Sid (no spoiler) never really made an appearance. Towards the end he (view spoiler) Something else that I really didn't need were the (view spoiler) That was totally OTT. Furthermore, the heroine saying **144 times "effing" or "ef"** was definitely too much for my liking. At a certain point I got it, as in I *really* got it!

So far I've enjoyed so many Rock Chick stories that I shouldn't be too sad that for once it didn't quite work for me. Everyone's opinion is bound to be subjective and I think that's alright. The average rating of Rock Chick Reckoning is very high and I'm definitely a minority here. I can only say: give it a try and maybe you'll love it!

~IreneOust~ says

***** **5 ROCKING stars for the epilogue alone!** *****

August 12, 2013

Not to sound like a broken record but this is still my favorite book in the series. Mace is still my main man and this book is worth the read (and multiple re-reads!) for the epilogue alone!

Bring on Ren now! Even though he was never a part of a Hot Bunch, he always came across as mighty Hot to me ... ;)

August 6th, 2013

Re-reading this one to get ready for Ally & Ren ...

January 7th, 2013

Three reasons why this is my favorite book in this series:

1. Mace

He surfs, snowboards, kicks ass & loves hard!

2. Stella

She happens to be an actual ROCK CHICK!

3. Epilogue

That includes one of my favorite scenes EVER written by KA ... (view spoiler) all while singing one of my favorite Blink-182's songs ...

Love this story. Love the fact that Mace and Stella have history and don't just end up moving in together after having just met one another.

Ladies, you can have your Luke, Lee, Eddie, etc. 'cause I am just fine with having Mace all to myself!

Aloha!

Catarina says

5 “I Love Those Rock Chicks” Stars!!

Stella and Mace used to be a couple, until he broke it off with no explanation about a year ago and left her broken. She never get over him.

She found refuge in her music and when a member of her band has a problem and she has to go sort it out (yet again!) she finds Mace again. And despite all the feelings, she doesn't want to be near him.

But let's not forget that this his is a rock chick book. Therefore one of the girls is always with some kind of trouble.

The thing is: this time they are all in trouble. Some crazy psycho is after the girls of the Hot Bunch and somehow Stella got included in that group. And now Mace is pretty fixed on protect her.

The thing I still don't understand is: Why the hell somebody was stupid enough to mess with the Nightingale

Team girls?

I loved how this book had a previous background of them and how their relation didn't just start at lightning speed.

This was a very raw and emotional book and when you start finding out about their ghosts and understanding why Mace broke up with her you will want to cry. And in some moments slap the hell of Stella. I liked her but she was the first Rock Chick to seriously annoy me.

Lee and Indy are still my favorite couple (what can I do? I got caught up with him!) and Luke's story is still my favorite book, but this one got close by. It was way rawer than Vance's story.

Why am I giving it five stars? The EPILOGUE.

First I was confused and thinking: "There are still two books after this. Why this feels like the end of the series?" but after a while I didn't care anymore.

This was basically me while reading it:

I will say it once more. I know I'm repeating myself but I really don't care: GO READ THESE BOOKS!!!

Stacey is Sassy says

She is... *The Rock Chick*

I'm feeling a little guilty. I doubted my faith, walked away and left someone alone too long. Yes, I'm sure Stella knew I'd come back for her eventually, but the time it took me was longer than it ever should have been. It's OK now, the friendship has been re-established and I'm sure Mace will forgive me... one day. I only left because her connection to the band and Mace's hurtful words upset me the first time I read them, but, this time, I listened to them and with *Susannah Jones*' help I saw things a lot clearer. Deep down I know I should have just trusted *KA*, but the consequences of my actions are my own burden to carry. Now, I will move on and Jett and Eddie will hopefully forgive me too.

This is my first re-read/listen of *Rock Chick Reckoning*. Now that I've done it, I can't believe I held off for so long. I mean Stella is *The Rock Chick*. She's the lead singer of the *Blue Moon Gypsies* and really cool. There were a couple of reason why I originally thought I didn't want to re-read it, but once I was into it, I could have slapped myself for holding off for so long.

Stella is the lead singer of the Blue Moon Gypsies, but she also fills the role of carer, guidance officer and hall monitor. The men in her band (besides Floyd) are a bunch of silly blokes who never grew up. They're good looking, pull in the groupies and get into way too much trouble. This was one of the main reasons why it didn't take priority in my *KA* re-read list. These guys drove me up the wall...and Stella put up with them. They play a vital role in Stella's life and are pretty much her family, so I kind of understood why she did. *Rock Chick Reckoning* sees the band go through heartache and loss, but they do love and care for each other.

Mace, Kai Mason, Hot Bunch member and Hawaiian Hottie. This guy wears a few hats, but he's also taken a few off as well. He's an ex-surfing and snowboarding champion. He left both professions when he has to

deal with a consequence of his father's bad decision and became...someone who Lee would want to recruit. We don't get all the details, but let's just say that he's on par with Luke for a scary tough guy who could kill you in the blink of an eye.

So...Stella and Mace have a history. They had been going out until Mace broke up with her because of the band and Stella keeping a part of herself closed off from him. Stella was devastated and never fully recovered. A bad guy, Sid, is looking for revenge against Lee Nightingale and the Hot Bunch. His way of hurting the men the most is by targeting the Rock Chicks. Even though Stella and Mace haven't been together for awhile, he knows that she is Mace's weakness. The usual action packed madness follows and we are taken on the ride to see the bad guy come to justice and the good guy gets the girl.

Both Stella and Mace have family members that suck. Mace's dad was a horrid man. His decisions led to death and devastation. Mace turned his back on his family and moved on the only way he knew how. Stella's family were in blood only and I was glad to see that when she had to deal with them, Mace was there to hold her hand.

We get a glimpse into the Rock Chick's lives and catch up with the couples that were already living their happy ever afters. Shirleen, Daisy, Todd and Stevie also make guest appearances. We also meet a certain federal officer who may or may not be someone we get to know a wee bit more in another series...it's in the future, so I won't say any more than that.

Rock Chick Reckoning audio was another awesome story narrated by *Susannah Jones*. I started this one as my companion for a New Year's exercise challenge. Some days I didn't want to exercise, but I did want to listen to more of my story, so I was motivated to do it. I've sat on my exercise bike laughing, crying and grimacing. My boys walked in on one of the days I was crying and that was a bit embarrassing. I somehow managed to time it that I listened to the sexy times while I was in recovery, I'm not sure squirming would have been good on a bike. Today's bike ride was INTENSE. My reps were high and I can tell you in that last showdown at Stella's house with guns blazing and mad dashes to safety had my heart PUMPING. Maybe I need to read/listen to a few more intense books while I exercise.

So to finish off...Mace and Stella are now in with the other Rock Chicks as one of my favourite audios. I think we'll categorise *Rock Chick Reckoning* as the Rock Chick to listen to when I need someone who understands what it's like dealing with a family that drives you up the wall.

To buy *Rock Chick Reckoning* from Amazon - <http://amzn.to/1QE4fee>

If you buy the kindle version of Rock Chick Reckoning you can add the audio for \$1.99 - **BARGAIN!!**

I'm an Aussie chick who loves to read and review romance, drink coffee, be a *Style Setter* and stalk David Gandy. To see more of my reviews, fashion, food and pervathons -

Brit says

WHY CAN'T I STOP READING KA BOOKS???

Christy says

4.5 Stars!!!!

Stella is the lead singer of the Blue Moon Gypsies and friends with a few of the Rock Chicks. The allusive Kai Mason (Mace) is the more quiet and broody member of the Hot Bunch. And these two used to be an item. A year ago, Mace broke it off. Stella isn't sure why or what happened, but at her last gig, she showed him how much she missed him with her music. Now, something is going on with the band and Stella has to fix it... again. When she gets to her friends, she is shocked to see Mace and Luke there. Even more shocked that she gets shot at. A criminal is out there targeting the Hot Bunch's girls. And for some reason, Stella is lumped in that category. Mace will do anything to protect her. She doesn't understand why he even cares... He broke up with her. No real explanation. Stella and Mace were both very secretive about their pasts with each other. The more they find out, the more things start to make sense. Stella learns a little about why Mace walked away...

"The worst part of breaking up with you was lettin' me walk away."

And Mace admits what he did wasn't the right thing... I love Mace!

"I fucked up and hurt you. It won't happen again." His fingers tensed around my head and his deep voice dropped low. "I promise you, Kitten, it won't happen again."

Stella has a lot in her past she needs to get through, but it's nothing compared to Mace's demons. I thought Vance and Jules book was difficult to read... this one just broke my heart. There were times I wanted to ring Stella's neck... but she got it together eventually, just took her sweet ass time like some of the other Rock Chicks.

Stella and Mace have a long road ahead of them if they want to make a relationship between them work. Stella decides to do something drastic to help Mace (view spoiler) I was glad she did that. She redeemed herself for me in that moment.

It wouldn't be a fantastic Rock Chick book without the humor, sexy and sweet... so here are some of my favorite quotes:

The HUMOR ?

YES Shirleen, I agree!

“Any one of those boys wanted to push me around, I’d say bring it on. Hell, I’d pay for one of ‘em to move into my house. They don’t even have to do me; just walk around so I can watch. Maybe in a towel.”

True...

‘You’re infuriating and bossy but you’re hot. You weren’t, I wouldn’t put up with you.’

?Ally’s reaction to Hank’s proposal...

“Ally placed her hands over her ears and changed, “La-la-la, not-listening-to-the-story-of-my-brother-proposing-while-doing-the-nasty-one-more-time, la-la-la.”

Stella even had her funny moments...

“There it is! Done! And you didn’t even have to fuck me.”

He stared at me.

“But you can still fuck me if you want to,” I offered.

He kept staring at me.

“Like now. Fucking me now would be good,” I prompted.

He kept staring at me.

“Hello?...Calling Kai Mason, girlfriend needs a good fucking, right...about...now.”

That’s when he spoke.

And this is what he said.

“God, I love you.”

?The SEXY

“Christ, I forgot how fucking good you feel when you’re beneath me.”

The SWEET

“A year ago, I was too busy thinkin’ about how lucky I was that someone as beautiful and talented as you let me into her bed to be bossy. Now I know you love me, I can be as bossy as I want.”

“Do you think we’re getting back together?”

“Getting? No,” Mace answered then continued,

“Back together? Yes”

‘She looks at you like you turn on the sun in the morning and switch it off at night.’

What I loved... that Stella and Mace had history. I love that. They had some sizzling chemistry as well. Mace is pretty amazing. He has been through so much, yet he is still able to open up and take that step. The music was another favorite part... I wanted to just put Billy Joel’s ‘And So It Goes’ on repeat after reading! The ending was fabulous, but I was a little confused by the epilogue... I know there are two books left and the epilogue read like this was the last of the series. Regardless, it was nice to see where everyone ends up.

As much as I love the Rock Chick books, and I love Mace and Stella's story, this one didn't get a 5 star rating from me. The main reason is there is so many other p.o.v's in this book! I like hearing from the other characters every now and then, but at times, it seemed like they took over the book. I wanted more Mace and Stella time. I still highly recommend this series, and to be honest, ANYTHING written by this author!

Karla says

5 Stars!! This book ROCKED!!

I know I'm in the minority amongst my GR friends, but this book was damn near perfect for me, and IMO, the best so far in the RC series. I loved "seven hundred and twenty-five thousand things" about it, but I especially enjoyed that Mace and Stella had history. They were an item at one time and I was fascinated by this, finding out what tore them apart, watching them mend, building on what they had and moving forward! They were BOTH stubborn, and I know, I know some of you think that Stella was at fault for the relationship breaking apart and she wasn't quite on board about getting back together...BUT, Mace held some blame, his "test" backfired and he could have just as easily gone after Stella too. He knew her heart was broken, especially when she sang to him, although she claims she didn't, but he knew better. We, the readers, were clued in about Mace's tragic past, she didn't know and when the truth was finally revealed to her, she grabbed onto him and did everything in her power to help him heal and make it right between them. I applaud her. She had a disturbing childhood, and I can understand how her mind would wreak havoc on her when it came to trusting and believing that she could be good enough for someone as special as Mace! When they finally made it work...it was MAGIC!

This was definitely a little darker than the preceding books, but I think much of that had to do with Mace's sister and the horrific circumstances surrounding her death. The other books, particularly, Jules and Vance's book, RC Renegade, could be gruesome at times, but because this involved a child it gave it a darker, somber feel.

That's not to say that I didn't have my share of laughs and feel good moments. I loved Tod's shrieking breakdown before the Lee and Indy's wedding. The Hot Bunch and company discussing wedding food and other things wedding related...clueless! Lee and Indy's wedding! Hank's proposal...unbelievably HOT! Jane and her "secret"...very apropos, she's the "fly on the wall"! Shirleen and her observations...

"Shee-it, any one of those boys wanted to push me around, I'd say bring it on. Hell, I'd pay for one of 'em to move into my house. They don't even have to do me; just walk around so I can watch. Maybe in a towel."

I hear you Shirleen!! It was so unique how the story was written to include the Rock Chick/Hot Bunch couples that came before, all of them, and not just a smattering of upates, we got it straight from the horse's mouth and some sexy time with each of them...AWESOME!

I could go on and on about this book, but the story's been told and KA did it so well. Overall, I think why I enjoyed it so much, because I can relate. Not to the dark part of the book, but to Stella and the Rock Chicks. I was that girl singing with the band to Ghostriders. I wore that peasant blouse. I had lucky Levi's, and cool flip-flops. I had a Journey Evolution cassette *snicker* before anyone even knew who the hell they were.

"You make me weep and wanna die

Just when you said we'd try

Lovin', touchin', squeezin' each other"

Memories...ahhhhh!! Sing it Steve Perry!

Of course there is a kick-ass trademark KA epilogue, that brought me to tears...I can't get that picture of Stella and Mace out of my head...laughing together...and just...being! Wow! "Shitsofuckit!" It was good!

And can someone please tell me where I can get a Blue Moon Gypsie tee!!!

Kai "Mace" Mason, jade green eyes, thick, dark hair, flat, tight abs, square jaw and great skin that showed the Hawaiian ancestry!

UniquelyMoi ~ BlithelyBookish says

Re-read Review - August 30-31, 2013

Looking at my original review, I had given this 3.5 stars, but bumped it up to 4 because of the epilogue. Apparently this was, at the time, my least favorite of the Rock Chick stories. After my re-read, however, I've gained a new, huge, appreciation for Mace and Stella, and I've decided there really is no "least favorite" story. There are some I like better than others, sure, but none deserving a label of "least".

Kristen Ashley is a brilliant storyteller and she really knows how to take us inside the hearts and souls of her characters. It rarely matters what they're doing, it's *the way* they do it that makes the story for me. Passionate, poignant, funny, burn up the pages sexy...Stella and Mace do it all, and they do it in a way that made me fall in love with them, all over again!

New rating - 4.5 rounded to 5 stars.

Original Review-:

Here it is, short and sweet:

Rock Chick Reckoning is the sixth book in the Rock Chick series, and even though it isn't a favorite, it's still such an awesome story... but then again, it's a Kristen Ashley book, so how could it be anything but?

Mace and Stella are fantastic characters whose relationship really is the driving force behind this particular story. While the plot is exciting and we get to see all the Rock Chicks and their Hot Bunch men in rare form indeed, it was Mace and Stella's page time that kept me coming back for more.

This book is really a 3.5 star read, but the epilogue was great and pushed it up to 4 stars for me!

If you're a Kristen Ashley addict, or just interested in checking her books, be sure to stop by our Kristen Ashley Addict's Support Group here on Goodreads!

Kristen says

3 1/2 to 4 stars

I enjoyed this book for the most part. *Rock Chick Reckoning* definitely has a darker, grittier, and more intense feel to it, which I prefer to the early Kristen Ashley Rock Chick books.

There are two elements about this book I find very odd:

1. Kristen Ashley includes an end of series epilogue in this particular book. Why, when there are still two books left in the series?
2. Unbeknownst to the reader, the author has very cleverly interwoven the involvement of a side character throughout the plots in this series. Instead of waiting until the last book, Kristen Ashley reveals this character's involvement in the overall plot of the series in book six. Makes you go hmmmm?

Overall, however, this book was a good read.

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Kellie Maddox-Ward says

Indy, redhead, blue-eyed and built; Ally, dark-haired, brown eyed and slim; Jet honey blonde, green eyed and pretty; Roxie, also blonde but darker, blue-eyed and seriously stylish; Ava, another blonde, totally knockout, bombshell gorgeous with light brown eyes and Jules movie star glamour. These weren't exactly your average women.

Hells yeah you got that Right Stella! They aren't your average women they are the "Rock Chicks!"

= = > I may swear and have small spoilers! .Don't say you weren't warned < = =
KA Is a genius!

I actually *REALLY* enjoyed this story.

I can totally understand where some people are coming from and didn't like it because it was so much more darker than the others so far.

I think that's what made me like it. The fact it *wasn't* like the other books.

Pro's

Written from more than one POV – I LOVED THIS! We got not only in Stella's head, but we got Hank, Jules, Ava, Mace, Indy, Jet and the sneaky little thing Jane.

I loved when the girls were watching the couples and feeling their connections. It was just brilliant!

Kai "Mace" Mason – Fuck I love that name.. It's just the kinda name that you know he's gunna be hot! But we already knew this about Mace from previous books. The broody one. The one will gives slight smiles when he finds things funny but doesn't laugh. The Hawaiian guy who's an ex surfer and ex snowboarder.

The guy who has demons.

And also the guy who put it his foot down! He told Stella she only had one chance, and if she threw it in his face he was done. She did, so he left. (Obviously we know he came back but you get what I mean!)

He has a fucking dirty filthy mouth on him and everything he says is brutally honest. Even if it hurts. He is the badass of them all and known to go Maverick. I just loved him!

Yes people didn't like him because of his "test" with Stella. I totally got why he did it. Maybe they could of just TALKED, but that would have defeated the purpose of the chase and this book I suppose.

Stella Gunn - A True Rock Chick! Oh don't get me wrong I wanted to stab her in the eye when she threw her "chance" back in Mace's face! But she made for it!

I can gush forever about her but its just Love.

The Epilogue I know some people hated it but it left me feeling amazing. I literally had the shot of Stella running to Mace them making out on stage him dipping her imbedded in my brain the whole day. In my Head it even faded out from a scene and turned to a black and white photo in the Rolling Stone. Just amazing!

All the Rock Chicks They are just awesome. Full Stop.

Shirleen! Man I love her! She's just makes these books. Well her and Tex.

Tex One funny Mo'Fo.. He made a bomb, then went and made coffee like it was an everyday thing LOL

The weddings and Engagements Indy's wedding sounded beautiful. I thought it would be rock chick, but it was perfect for her. All the engagements were super cute too!

Jane - That sneaky little thing! Leaking their stories!

THE SOUNDTRACK Yes that had to be in SHOUTY CAPITALS. I played Pearl Jam's Black as she was singing it as I just had to! All the music that is mentioned in this book is phenomenal. Well all the music that's always mentioned is.

CON'S

Preston Mason What an effing douchebag!

Sid I didn't really get who he was and all that jazz. Yeah they were all in danger but they didn't say much about him till heaps later, also no mention of him in earlier books. If they had all been working on it for yrs should there have been?

The Epilogue While I LOVED "seven hundred and twenty-five thousand things" about it. I hated knowing who ended up with who and how many kids they had etc. (well I secretly liked it a little) I was just annoyed that it jumped 5 yrs and the next book came back to the same time frame. Just weird. If this was the last in the book I could get that.

I can't really think of much more atm but may add more later when I'm not so hung-over and can think straight.

Fav Quotes

Shee-it, any of those boys wanted to push me around, I'd say bring it on. Hell, I'd pay for one of 'em to move into my house. They don't even have to do me; just walk around so I can watch. Maybe in a towel."
-Shirleen

"La-la-la, not-listening-to-the-story-of-my-brother-proposing-while-doing-it-la-la-la" – Ally

"A year ago, I was too busy thinkin' about how lucky I was that someone as beautiful and talented as you let me into her bed to be bossy. Now I know you love me, I can be as bossy as I want." – Mace

"Lucky for me, you also got great hair, great eyes, great legs and an unbelievable heart-shaped ass, still when inside you and I hear your throaty fuckin' voice of yours beggin' me to fuck you harder, I swear it takes everything I got to keep control and not come." – Mace

"She looks at you like you turn on the sun in the morning and switch it off at night" – Chloe

"Down Mace Slut! My brain commanded.- Stella

"I can't be the star in your sky when you're the only star left shining in mine." – Mace

Eve Recinella (Between The Bookends) says

This was actually my least favorite of the bunch when I first read it, but after re-reading this series going on 9 times it has moved up, and I find myself liking it more. I'm just not a huge fan of rock star books...

Re-Read January 2016 Still one of my least favorites of the series. Mace still comes off as a douche...

Re-read December 2017 -- I did a re-read of this one today. Initially, this was my least favorite of the series, but upon MANY re-reads it has now moved past book one. But Mace is still a douche. Who breaks up with a person as a TEST then cops an attitude when she is rightfully pissed off about it!

September 8th, 2018 -- I still think Mace is a douche, and every time I re-read this book it makes me remember that I really want Erik to get his own happily ever after...sigh.

Vika aka ? of GIF & Grumpy Smut-ateer *P/T Freebie Fairy says

My Kai "Mace"

My Stella

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And just because I feel like it but had to other place to do "Additional Character Casting" I am going to do it here because this story gives us multiple POV from all those that we love

My Daisy

My Tod & Stevie

My Tex

My Duke

Ingie says

Written March 10, 2015

3 1/2 Stars - A lot of 'Chick' fun once again

Book #6

This is just more and more like a series about a very big gang of lovely hilarious crazy people. This IS smexy romantic suspense in the best way.

My *Summer 2014* romance-project was to listening to all eight audiobooks. I did five so it was about time to go back to this crazy "rock-chick-girls" and sexy gorgeous "hot-bunch-alpha-men" in *Denver* once again.

Fun, fun, fun, exiting speedy and HOT, as always..

I really enjoyed this part but I also felt it was a bit to much about to many characters and I'd wished for a more tightly told story about the main couple here. A shorter book with less pages had made it even better for me. Anyway I'll of course continue this funny hot and romantic suspense series.

'Reckoning' — Stella & Mace's story

It was the lead singer and lead guitarist of the *Blue Moon Gypsies*, **Stella Gunn**'s to get a "hot-bunch" man there in Denver. This 'Rock Chick' girl choosed another swoon-whorty *Nightingale-agent*, the former famous surfer **Kai "Mace" Mason**. This was their second chance to get it together and it was of course a wild rollercoaster journey.

"I fucked up and hurt you. It won't happen again." His fingers tensed around my head and his deep voice dropped low. "I promise you, Kitten, it won't happen again."

These two had an unusual big amount of old heavy sh?t to carry on. Terrible previous experiences, tough and nasty relationships with parents etc, etc. I was actually deeply touched to tears now and then. I never hesitated, I liked and tried to understand them both and I felt their love and attraction.

'There was something very sexy about Mace going commando. Very sexy.
Down Mace Slut! My brain commanded'

Reckoning is without doubt a solid good RC-installment even if I had wanted a larger part dedicated to only Stella and Mace. - ...I liked the doggie.

The audiobook edition...

This sixth part was once again a pretty long (17 hrs) audiobook narrated by Susannah Jones. Always nicely done. I can't imagine a better voice for these books by now. ~ Applauses!!

These audiobooks are also comparatively cheap if you have already bought the kindle edition or buy it at the same time. Good and well written Kristen Ashley entertainment for very little money. (I just paid \$6 for the ebook and audio.)

These seventeen audiobooks hours ended in a interesting and sweet "in the future" epilogue. (Was this meant to be the last book?) Good to hear about them all, happy, h@rny and with families and stuff, in the future.

There are already next to 1.000 reviews (mostly happy) for '*Reckoning*' so I don't think there is more to add. Just fun & crazy times in Denver once more.

I LIKE - they are irresistible enjoying to be with

The Rock Chick series, my reviews: (view spoiler)

Aestas Book Blog says

Oh Lordy be! I'm still wiping away my happy tears as I write this... This probably is the darkest and emotionally deepest of the Rock Chick books but it also had some of the happiest and most beautiful moments of the series as well as an INCREDIBLE epilogue!

Kai "Mace" Mason. The insanely hot, dark, broody and emotionally broken member of Nightingale Investigations. From the beginning of the series, we've always known that Mace's back story was going to be tragic and heart breaking. Whatever could have made such an unflappable, badass man live under the constant shadow of haunting memories just had to be really bad and in this book, we finally learn his story.... and yes, it broke my heart. I still just want to find him and give him a big huge hug.... and I mean that sincerely, lol, not just cuz he's a smokin' hot, utterly drool-worthy badass Alpha :P

"What I'm sayin' is shit happens to couples, In any relationship, there's ebbs and there's flows. You want that relationship to work you put on your life jacket and ride it out."

Mace and Stella used to be an item. They dated for five months and when he broke up with her, Stella was utterly broken-hearted and, as the lead singer of the Gypsies, threw herself back into her music. She misses him badly but is too stubborn to tell him (duh, she's a Rock Chick lol). And unbeknownst to her, ever since their HOT little moment in the last book where she sung to him on stage, he still considers her his woman. He knows it, and unfortunately, so do his enemies. When the Hot Bunch's women are all targeted by a criminal overlord intent on bringing war to the Nightingale Investigations turf, things quickly get out of hand. And, when Stella is targeted as well, Mace's natural solution to him needing to protect her, as per the Hot Bunch law, is to move in with her. Under fire from their enemies, Stella and Mace begin to work through their issues, figure out their feelings, deal with their misunderstandings and realize that throughout it all, they are both utterly in love with each other.

"You two solid?" Vance asked.

"I'm workin' on it," Mace told Vance.

Vance grinned. "By my count, it takes about 2 weeks to really wear 'em down."

I just LOVE a guy who has no problem admitting he made a mistake, apologizing, and who is willing to go out of his way to prove himself.

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That being said, Stella doesn't make it easy for him at first, as per Rock Chick law.

"I'm not going there again. Not with you."

"You're already there," he informed me.

"I am not!" I snapped back.

The amusement returned. "Babe, you're sitting naked in my lap on the morning after a night where you begged to suck my --"

I put a hand over his mouth to stop his words and drowned out the muddled words...

Shit."

But can I just say how much I love a book that is able to poke fun at it's own character's flaws :P

"Bullets flyin', Hot Bunch boys puttin' their asses on the line, threats against all you all..." Shirleen whirled her finger around to take in all the Rock Chicks. "Still, you all act like getting a booty call from one of the Hot Bunch was like being tortured. I just don't get it." ...

"You don't understand," Roxie put in.

"Nope. That's right, girl, Shirleen does not understand. So what trauma are we up against now?"

Shirleen's eyes moved to me. "You havin' too many orgasms or what?"

LOL!!! The humor in this book is just brilliant and so well placed - perfectly offsetting the heavy emotional drama and action packed scenes that saturate the book. And I'm not kidding about the action - it starts off with an execution and drive-by shooting, and pretty much reads like the most kick ass, adrenaline-packed movie imaginable - complete with turf wars, grenade launching, exploding buildings, evil villans (and the Supreme Asshole of All Time), snipers, shoot-outs at concerts and more.

But somehow, throughout it all, KA weaves this absolutely beauuuutiful, deeply emotional story about healing, camaraderie, and love.... oh *swoon* this author is freaking brilliant!!! How her books aren't just everywhere lining the shelves of every major bookstore is an honest-to-God mystery to me.

Stella and Mace were just wonderful together. Both of them have have really big emotional demons they have to deal with - Mace especially. And it was just SO sweet to see them figure each other out and help each other heal. <3

For some reason, the emotional tug on Mace and Stella's stories really hit a lot deeper than some of the past books and brought me to tears several times. But at the same time, they have, hands down, the most brilliant rapid-fire, toe-to-toe banter of any of the couples yet!

And I loved that KA blended music into this story. She has a list of songs at the beginning that she suggests listening to at certain parts of the story and let me tell you, those parts are beeeauuuuuutifull!! *Swooooon* What is it about PDA on a huge stage that just makes your heart flutter uncontrollably? *Sigh* LOVED it!

Here are the songs:

Pearl Jam's "Black"

Billy Joel's "And So It Goes"

Journey's "Open Arms"

Blink-182's "All the Small Things."

One more thing which made me ridiculously happy was the alternative POVs (!!!). Although Stella's POV is by far the main one and her and Mace's story is the focus of this book, we also get absolutely GORGEOUS scenes from Jet, Indy, Roxie, Jules and Ava's POVs as well as a few special scenes from Mace's and the Hot Bunch's side. ... In so many big series, the couples from previous books just fade into the background and while still there, are no longer the focus. But I just LOVED how refreshing it was to read the different POV's in the middle of this story and to be able to reconnect with each of the Rock Chick/Hot Bunch couples. Completely and utterly squee-worthy!! :)

And I gotta say for the last 12% of the book I literally did nothing but wipe happy tears, grin and squee!! We finally get to see the wedding that we've been waiting for for several books now (yes, it was absolutely PERFECT) and the absolutely EPIC epilogue set 5 years into the future featuring all the couples' swoony HEA's.... *sigh* *grin* ... There is something just so deeply, heart achingly beautiful about watching

characters you have come to know and love for the last 6 books get everything they deserve. And also just to see all of them heal, grow together, and live their lives..... just absolute Rock Chick perfection <3

If you haven't started reading this series yet, you should bump it way up on your to-read pile. You are seriously missing out!

Here's how I see Mace and Stella:

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